

REMARKS

Applicants express appreciation for the indication of allowability for Claims 38 - 46.

Claims 47-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Niiyama et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,400,389. While Applicants traverse such rejection, Claims 47-51 have been canceled without prejudice to pursue such claims in a continuation application.

Claims 38-46 are allowable. All other claims have been canceled without prejudice. Favorable action is respectfully solicited and Allowance of Claims 38-46 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Shireen Bacon, Reg. No. 40,494, at 512-314-0435 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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